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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI; TD

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VIP TREATMENT IN US MILITARY HOSPITAL

REF: A-64 OF JANUARY 5, 1972

1. GOTT HAS FORMALLY APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY TO REQUEST URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION INVOLVING ADMISSION TO WALTER REED HOSPITAL FOR ERNEST PIERRE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND SECRETARY OF T&T NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. WE UNDERSTAND THIS APPROACH COMPLEMENTS APPEAL TO DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY ON SAME LINES BY T&T AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE. I ENDORSE REQUEST AS BEING IN NATIONAL INTEREST IN VIEW A) OF ASSISTANCE BY PIERRE TO THIS MISSION IN THE SECURITY FIELD AND B) OF THE PERSONAL INTEREST IN SUCH US MILITARY HOSPITALIZATION TAKEN BY PIERRE'S MENTOR, PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS. WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO B) I WILL BE HAPPY ON REQUEST TO ADDUCE RATIONALE FOR EFFORT TO MEET PM'S INTEREST AT THIS TIME, BUT BELIEVE THESE THOROUGHLY KNOWN TO ARA/CAR.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT HOSPITALIZATION EXPECTED LAST TWO WEEKS AND REQUESTED TO BEGIN ASAP. CONDITION IS PARKINSON'S DISEASE, WHERE PATIENT HAS DEVELOPED SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS TO L-DOPA, AND POST OPERATIVE PROSTATE PROBLEMS. SUMMARY OF MEDICAL CONDITION PROMISED AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, GOTT AND WE HOPE PROCESSING OF REQUEST CAN BE INITIATED NOW. WE UNDERSTAND PRIME MINISTER INFORMED THROUGH UNKNOWN SOURCE THAT WALTER REED PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TO TREATMENT. GOTT WILL MEET ALL EXPENSES.

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3. I FIRMLY BELIEVE REQUEST IS IN NATIONAL INTEREST AND URGE

THAT USG DO ITS BEST TO ASSIST.

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